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From: Blumenfeld, Jared
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 9:42 AM
To: Strauss, Alexis
Subject: Fw: Fwd: Bob - may I please speak with you about this urgent S.F. Bay issue?
Attachments: Editorials.pdf; ATT00001.htm; Cargill-Electeds Letter to Redwood City.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Jared Blumenfeld, EPA

From: Deputy Administrator
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 12:01:04 PM
To: Blumenfeld, Jared
Subject: Fwd: Bob - may I please speak with you about this urgent S.F. Bay issue?

Jared
Can we talk.

Bob
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From: David Lewis
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 2:53 PM
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Subject: Bob - may I please speak with you about this S.F. Bay issue?
Importance: High

I'd like to speak to you about this imminent decision, pending in the Administrator's office right now. I have discussed it with Jared Blumenfeld's office, and with Dave Evans at OWOW.

We have worked for more than 7 years to prevent development on restorable salt ponds in San Francisco Bay that Cargill still owns – and we've stopped it. But unless the Administrator approves a Clean Water Act "Special Case" request from Region 9, Cargill is about to get a unilateral US Army Corps of Engineers decision to decline CWA jurisdiction on those ponds. This would be a huge setback for the Bay, and a terrible precedent for EPA's authority to administer and enforce CWA.

We support the EPA Administrator intervening to ensure the EPA's role in this matter by immediately designating it a "special case."

- More than 185 federal, state, county and local elected officials, representing millions of Bay Area residents, have joined with business and labor leaders, the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *San Jose Mercury News* in opposition to Cargill's proposal to build housing in these restorable salt ponds. (see attached)

- More than 24,000 people have signed [Save The Bay's petition](#) urging Cargill to immediately halt plans to fill this key piece of the Bay, and instead to sell or donate these salt ponds for full restoration and addition to the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
- Nearly identical salt ponds in San Francisco Bay have been determined to be [within the jurisdiction](#) of the Clean Water Act, and [a preliminary JD on this site](#) also found CWA jurisdiction.

Please let me know when you have a moment to discuss this important matter.

Thank you! - David Lewis

p.s. My wife Julia Levin also says "hi" – here's what she's running now: www.bioenergyca.org .

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We can restore the Bay. Everyone just needs to dig a little.